

# State Law Library Summary of Budget Recommendations - Senate

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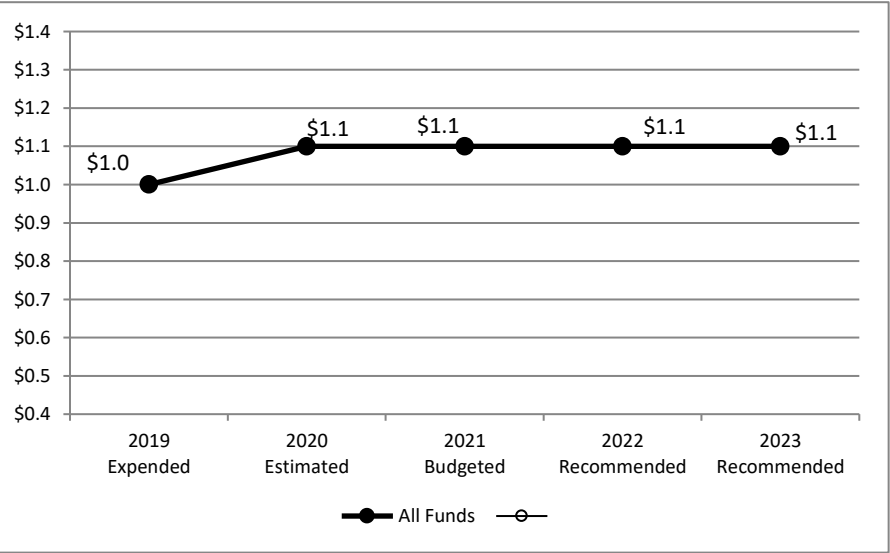
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Method of Financing	2020-21 Base	2022-23 Recommended	Biennial Change (\$)	Biennial Change (%)
General Revenue Funds	\$2,113,455	\$2,113,455	\$0	0.0%
GR Dedicated Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%
<i>Total GR-Related Funds</i>	<i>\$2,113,455</i>	<i>\$2,113,455</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>0.0%</i>
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%
Other	\$22,592	\$15,000	(\$7,592)	(33.6%)
<b>All Funds</b>	<b>\$2,136,047</b>	<b>\$2,128,455</b>	<b>(\$7,592)</b>	<b>(0.4%)</b>

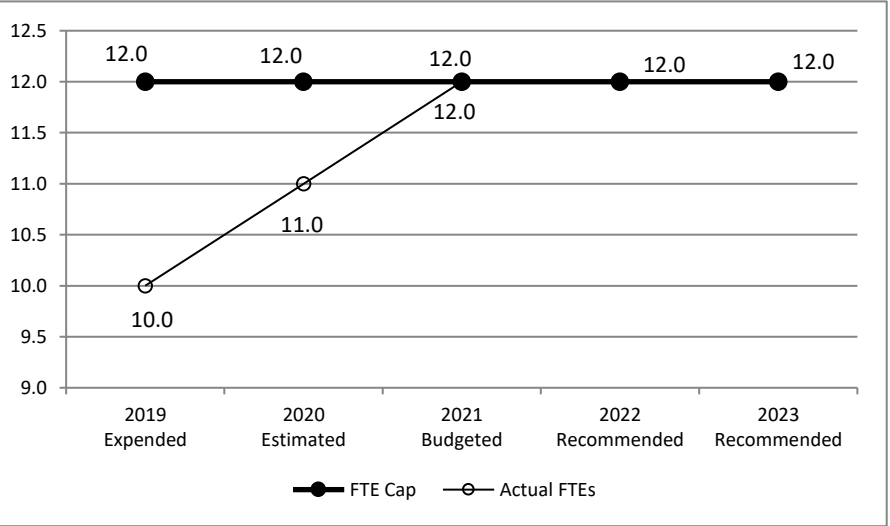
	FY 2021 Budgeted	FY 2023 Recommended	Biennial Change	Percent Change
FTEs	12.0	12.0	0.0	0.0%

The bill pattern for this agency (2022-23 Recommended) represents an estimated 100.0% of the agency's estimated total available funds for the 2022-23 biennium.

Historical Funding Levels (Millions)



Historical Full-Time-Equivalent Employees (FTEs)



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**Summary of Funding Changes and Recommendations - Senate**

**Section 2**

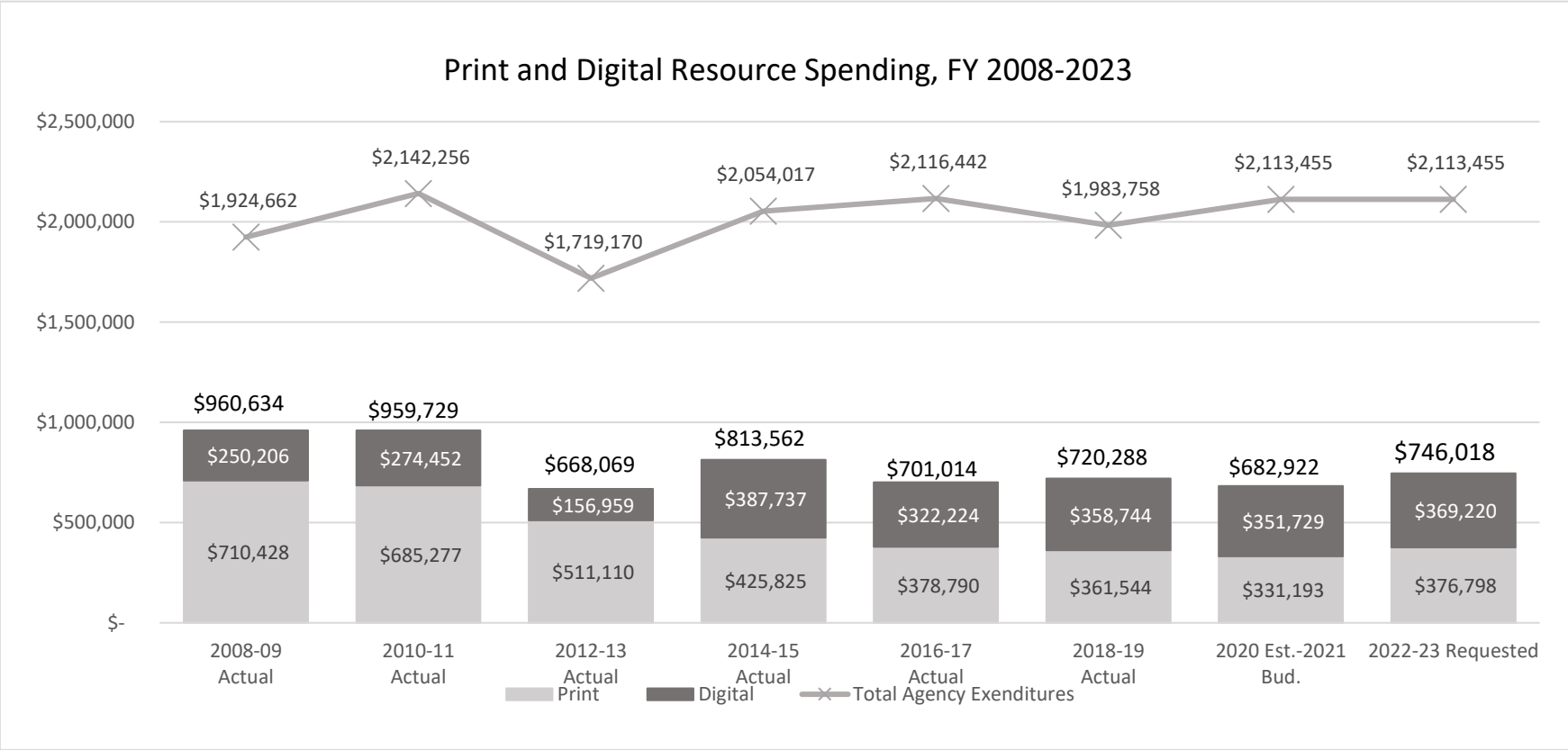
Funding Changes and Recommendations for the 2022-23 Biennium compared to the 2020-21 Base Spending Level		General Revenue	GR-Dedicated	Federal Funds	Other Funds	All Funds	Strategy in Appendix A
<b><i>SIGNIFICANT Funding Changes and Recommendations (in millions) (each issue is explained in Section 3 and additional details are provided in Appendix A):</i></b>							
A)	No significant funding changes compared to the 2020-21 base.	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	A.1.1
<b><i>OTHER Funding Changes and Recommendations (these issues are not addressed in Section 3 but details are provided in Appendix A):</i></b>							
B)	Reduction in Appropriated Receipts revenue from not being able to collect checkout and overdue fees during the pandemic and reduced funds carried forward via Article IX, Section 8.01, Acceptance of Gifts of Money.	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$7,592)	(\$7,592)	A.1.1
<b>TOTAL SIGNIFICANT &amp; OTHER Funding Changes and Recommendations</b>		<b>\$0.0</b>	<b>\$0.0</b>	<b>\$0.0</b>	<b>(\$7,592)</b>	<b>(\$7,592)</b>	As Listed
<i>SIGNIFICANT &amp; OTHER Funding Increases</i>		\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	As Listed
<i>SIGNIFICANT &amp; OTHER Funding Decreases</i>		\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	(\$7,592)	(\$7,592)	As Listed

NOTE: Totals may not sum due to rounding.

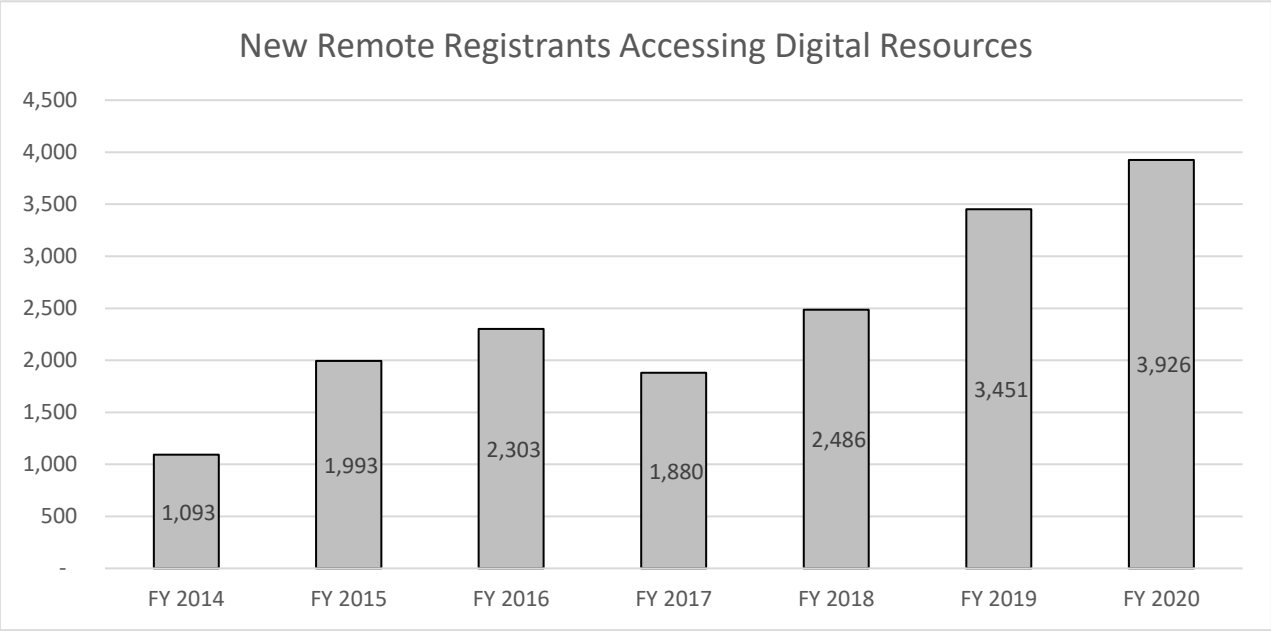
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Selected Fiscal and Policy Issues - Senate

- 1. **Restoration of 5 Percent Reduction.** Recommendations do not include General Revenue funding of \$111,234 to fund (1) an equity (salary) increase for professional librarian staff withheld in 2021; (2) providing updates and subscriptions for certain legal resources; and (3) funding part of the historical digitization project previously funded and withheld in 2020-21. (See also, Items Not Included in Recommendations - Senate #1)
- 2. **Legal Publications and Digital Resource Access and Expenses.** Recommendations include \$746,018 in General Revenue for the purchase of print and digital legal reference materials in amounts transferred to OCA. These costs represent a regular expense of the State Law Library to maintain the currency of the library’s collection. Funding to meet these costs are frequent exceptional item request for the agency. According to library staff, the cost of print and digital resources have increased on average 5 percent to 8 percent per year.

The agency anticipates spending \$682,922 on print and digital legal reference material in 2020-21. Their baseline request for 2022-23 includes \$746,018 for print and digital spending, an increase of 9.2 percent from 2020-21 levels. The figure below shows print and digital resource expenditures and total agency expenditures for 2008–09 to the 2022-23 biennium. (See also, Items Not Included in Recommendations – Senate #2 and #3)



In fiscal year 2014 the agency began providing remote access service through its website to 5 of its legal databases, eBooks, digitized historical statutes, and topical research guides maintained by the library staff. Information in the chart below, provided by the agency, shows the total number of new remote registrations each fiscal year since the inception of the Remote Access Program. The agency reports that registrants who have requested access to available digital resources represent 227 out of the 254 Texas counties.



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Rider Highlights - Senate

Deleted Riders

3. **Fee Schedule, Duplication Services.** Recommendations delete this rider. The rider's provisions are reflected on the agency's website.

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Items Not Included in Recommendations - Senate

	2022-23 Biennial Total			Information Technology Involved?	Contracting Involved?	Estimated Continued Cost 2024-25
	GR & GR-D	All Funds	FTEs			

Agency Exceptional Items Not Included (in agency priority order)

1)	General Revenue to restore the agency's 5 reduction, which includes costs for (1) an equity (salary) increase for professional librarian staff withheld in 2021; (2) providing updates and subscriptions for certain legal resources; and (3) funding part of the historical digitization project previously funded and withheld in 2020-21. (See also, Selected Fiscal and Policy Issues - Senate #1)	\$111,234	\$111,234	0.0	No	No	\$0
2)	General Revenue to fund subscriptions consisting of 5,000 titles, including Westlaw and AILALink. (See also, Selected Fiscal and Policy Issues - Senate #2)	\$58,398	\$58,398	0.0	No	Yes	\$0
3)	General Revenue to purchase updates for selected titles and purchase new titles for the library's print collection. (See also, Selected Fiscal and Policy Issues - Senate #2)	\$150,000	\$150,000	0.0	No	Yes	\$0
4)	General Revenue to purchase an updated library-quality book scanner.	\$11,000	\$11,000	0.0	No	No	\$3,000
5)	General revenue to restore a professional librarian FTE cut in 2010.	\$124,000	\$124,000	1.0	No	No	\$0

TOTAL Items Not Included in Recommendations		\$454,632	\$454,632	1.0			\$3,000
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**Appendices - Senate**

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Funding Changes and Recommendations by Strategy - Senate -- ALL FUNDS					
Strategy/Goal	2020-21 Base	2022-23 Recommended	Biennial Change	% Change	Comments
ADMINISTRATION AND OPERATIONS A.1.1	\$2,136,047	\$2,128,455	(\$7,592)	(0.4%)	Recommendations reflect a reduction in Appropriated Receipts revenue from not being able to collect checkout and overdue fees during the pandemic and reduced funds carried forward via Article IX, Section 8.01, Acceptance of Gifts of Money.
Total, Goal A, ADMINISTRATION AND OPERATIONS	\$2,136,047	\$2,128,455	(\$7,592)	(0.4%)	
Grand Total, All Strategies	\$2,136,047	\$2,128,455	(\$7,592)	(0.4%)	



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FTE Highlights - Senate

Full-Time-Equivalent Positions	Expended 2019	Estimated 2020	Budgeted 2021	Recommended 2022	Recommended 2023
Cap	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0
Actual/Budgeted	10.0	11.0	12.0	NA	NA

Schedule of Exempt Positions (Cap)					
Director, Group 2	\$106,720	\$113,298	\$113,298	\$113,298	\$113,298

Note:

a) The State Auditor's Office Report, Executive Compensation at State Agencies (Report 20-706, August 2020), indicates a market average salary of \$119,719 for the Director position at the State law Library. The report recommends retaining the same salary group.

b) State Auditor's Office is the source for the fiscal year 2019 and fiscal year 2020 annual average (actual) FTE levels.